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FROM ABASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ILO

1. ON THE ILO QUESTION, THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR ASKED TO SEE ME SEPTEMBER 7TH TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED STATEMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH BEFORE THE UNGA ON SEPTEMBER 27TH. HE SAID THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY HIS DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY VANCE REGARDING THE ILO PROBLEM AND THAT JAPAN WAS ANXIOUS TO DO ANYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES TO REMAIN AS AN ILO MEMBER.

2. HE SEEMED VERY INTERESTED IN THE INITIATIVES BEING TAKEN BY THE EC-9 AND IMEC COUNTRIES SUCH AS AUSTRALIA AND CANADA. HE FELT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER COULD ONLY SPEAK INDIRECTLY ON THE ILO ISSUE BEFORE THE UNGA. FOR EXAMPLE, HE MIGHT REFER TO THE IMPORTANCE OF FILTERING OUT POLITICAL PROBLEMS SO THAT THEY DO NOT COMPROMISE THE WORK OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

3. CLEARLY THE GOJ IS SEEKING WAYS OF INDICATING TO PRESIDENT CARTER AS WELL AS TO THE UN COMMUNITY THAT IT REGARDS CONTINUED U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO AS INDISPENSABLE TO THE SUCCESS OF
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